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Gang Member Sentenced to Prison for Compton Murder, Attempted Murder

A 37-year-old man was sentenced today to 80 years to life in state prison for killing a man and shooting at a rival gang member in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On March 9, a jury found Michael Angelo Daniel of Compton guilty of first-degree murder and attempted murder in case TA133457.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant was principally armed with handgun, which caused great bodily injury and death. Additionally, jurors found true that the crime was committed for the benefit and at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang, and with the intent to promote, further, and assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

Deputy District Attorney Danette Gomez of the Hardcore Gang Division, who prosecuted the case, said on May 21, 2014, victim David Scott and another man were standing outside of a house in the 1100 block of East Bennett Street in Compton when they were shot during a drive-by shooting.

After the shooting, law enforcement was called. Scott, 31, was taken to a hospital for treatment, where he later died. The second victim sustained non-life threatening injuries, the prosecutor said.

Witnesses provided authorities with a description of the suspect vehicle. Soon after, sheriff deputies located the car described in the drive-by shooting and arrested Daniel in connection with the incident.

According to court testimony, authorities found bullet casings in the car, which linked the defendant to the fatal shooting.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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